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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1959.



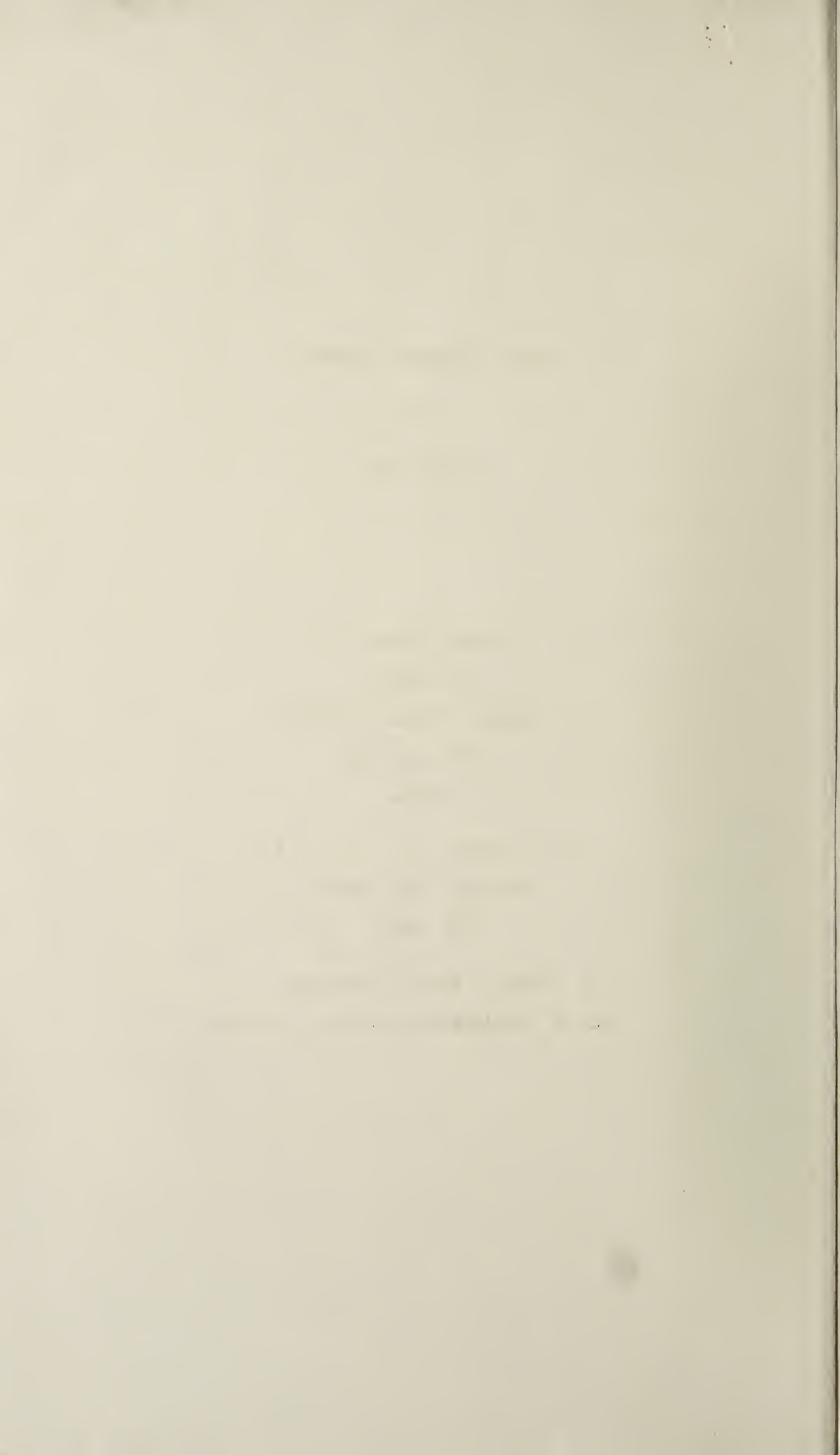
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INCLUDING THE REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Wm. E. WIGGLESWORTH, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959.

Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supply.

Analysis of Water Samples.

Public Supply.

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Amotherby	1	
Broughton	1	
Barton-le-Street	1	
Huttons Ambo	2	
Slingsby	2	
Swinton	1	
Terrington	2	
Welburn	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>

Private Supplies.

Ganthorpe	4	15
Hovingham	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>23</u>

The unsatisfactory public supply was traced to a short link from the Welburn reservoir. It was found that water had gained access through a faulty cover. The mains were washed out, chlorinated heavily and a new cover supplied following which satisfactory samples were obtained. The private supply at Ganthorpe showed continuous contamination and an extension to replace the private supply was afforded during the year from the Council's mains. This remedied the unsatisfactory state of affairs in this village. The owners concerned with the small supply at Hovingham are to replace the private supply from the Council's mains and negotiations are at present pending to this end. The general position throughout the area in relation to water supply must now be considered reasonably satisfactory.

Details of water supplies in the area are as follows:-

Estimated:

- (a) Number with water laid to house - 1648.
- (b) Number served by standpipe - 155.
- (c) Number supplied by private springs  
wells etc. 35.

Refuse Disposal.

The refuse disposal service is still maintained at its present frequency, viz: every calendar month, throughout the area. This must still be considered well below an acceptable standard in this day and age, and it is regretted that the substantial economic strain which the provision of an adequate service would have imposed over-riden the public health needs in this important service. Refuse collection provides the majority of complaints received in the department albeit many come from ratepayers who have recently taken up residence in the area.

I feel that this provides the one black spot in the public health administration and I must express the hope that improvements in this field will not be too long delayed.



## Sewage Disposal.

The year has been one in which consolidation has taken place and a very satisfactory position exists in the field of sanitary improvement where sewage works and sewers have been installed.

New schemes are proposed and the first of these it is hoped will be commenced during the next year. On completion of the programme as planned the position for a small rural area will be highly satisfactory. The various works have been exceedingly well maintained and I would again like to pay tribute to the ability and conscientiousness of your workman carrying out these duties. Samples taken by the River Board have consistently reflected the work which goes into the maintenance.

## Food.

All shops and food preparing premises were inspected during the year. No outbreaks of food poisoning have occurred.

## Synopsis of Inspections Made.

### Dwelling Houses:-

Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	152.
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	59.
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	2.
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Improvement Grants (Section 20)	...	...	...	...	206.

### Sanitary Conveniences:-

Ashpits and Privies	...	...	...	...	2.
Water Closets	...	...	...	...	228.
Chemical Closets	...	...	...	...	3.

### Refuse Disposal:-

Tips	...	...	...	...	6.
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	40.

### Drains and Sowers:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	127.
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	72.
Water Tested	...	...	...	...	60.
Public Urinals	...	...	...	...	Nil.

### Factories:-

With mechanical power	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	Nil.

### Food:-

Inspections	...	...	...	...	191.
Condemnations	...	...	...	...	38.

### Food Storage (Preparation etc):-

Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	6.
Fish friers	...	...	...	...	2.

### Sampling:-

Water	...	...	...	...	45.
Milk	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Miscellaneous:-

New Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	207.
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	6.
Gutters and water courses	...	...	...	...	...	28.
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	10.
Petroleum Licences	...	...	...	...	...	54.
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	2.
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	127.
Verminous houses	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	131.
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	12.
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Total Inspection.						<u>1808.</u>

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Minor disinfestation works have been carried out during the year.

Shops Act, 1934.

12 inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no trades under this heading.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the district all of which are used for public slaughtering. All slaughterhouses are maintained in a clean condition and the quality of meat slaughtered has been high.

There are five licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action has been necessary under the above heading during the year.

Schools.

The school canteens which have been regularly inspected have proved to be well run and kept in a clean condition.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1954.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area fell from 708 in 1958 to 510 in 1959. 100% inspection of all carcasses slaughtered has been made, as a result of which 1,034 lbs. of meat and offal was condemned as unfit.

This work entailed 191 visits, some of which involved week-end working and overtime.



Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	181	Nil	1	285	43
Number inspected	181	Nil	1	285	43
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil	Nil	1	3	1.
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	24	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	13.2%	Nil	Nil	1.05%	9.3.
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	5.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculoses.	2.7%	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of systicercosis were observed.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Registration of premises under Section 14:

Ice Cream dealers	13.
Ice Cream manufacturers.	-
Meat preparation.	-
Fish friers.	2.

Septic Tank and Cesspools.

The inauguration of a free service for the cleansing of septic tanks in areas where no sewers exist is a sound step forward and must surely do much to promote greater interest in the isolated hamlets towards the provision of modern amenities.

Open Ditches.

All ditches are now cleansed at least once annually and a number twice yearly, their condition generally can be regarded as satisfactory.

Housing.

1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-

by local authority	...	...	...	Nil.
by private enterprise	...	...	...	7.
number of houses under construction				
by Local Authority				Nil.

2. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects  
(under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... 85.

3. Remedy of Defects During the Year.

Number of defective dwellinghouses repaired or improved ... 30.

4. Action under Statutory Powers During the Year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which  
notices were served requiring repair ... Nil.

2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit  
after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners ... Nil.  
(b) by local authority in lieu of owners Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices  
were served requiring defects to be remedied... Nil.

2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were  
remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners ... Nil.  
(b) by local authority in default of owners. Nil.

C. Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1936:-

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which  
Demolition Orders were made ... 26.

2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance  
of Demolition Orders. ... 6.

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in  
respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil.

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in  
respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the  
tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... Nil.

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

A. 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. 5.

2. Number of families dwelling therein ... 7.

3. Number of persons dwelling therein ... 40.

B. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. Nil.

C. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 2.

D. Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again  
become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken  
steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... Nil.

E. Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding  
conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health  
may consider it desirable to report ... Nil.



6. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

31 applications for improvement grant were received during the year of which 2 were for Standard Grants and the remainder for Discretionary Grants. One of these was refused.

The new legislation introducing Standard Grants and substantially easing the conditions for Discretionary Grants has not made any material alteration to the number of applications under this heading. It may be that as much has been done since the inception of the improvement grants that the back has been broken of this problem. It has however appeared that the new standard grant has failed to achieve any popularity. A vigorous campaign is continuously carried out to persuade owners of suitable property to take advantage of the facilities offered under this Act.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE RURAL  
DISTRICT OF MALTON IN THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities....	17	6		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....				
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)...				
Total ...	17	6		

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)...					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)			N I L		

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)...					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a)Insufficient....					
(b)Unsuitable or defective .....					
(c)Not separate for sexes.....					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) .....			N I L		
Total....					



## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.(SECTIONS 110 AND 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosec- utions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc., } Cleaning } and } Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace-cur- tains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hang- ings			N I L			
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						



PART VIII OF THE ACT (CONTD.)

OUTWORK.

(SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cut- ions (7)
Paper bags	/					
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc. of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats			N I L			
Cosaques, Christmas stock- ings, etc.,						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

Signature

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Date

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